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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application of: Sagner, *et al.* Confirmation No.: 7485
Serial No.: 09/823,712 Art Unit: 1634
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For: Method for Determining the Attorney Docket No: 1803-326-999
Efficiency of Nucleic Acid (5443)
Amplifications

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 CFR § 1.136(a)

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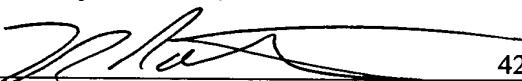
Sir:

It is respectfully requested that the time for response to the Office Action dated January 21, 2003, be extended by a period of one (1) month from April 21, 2003, to and including May 21, 2003.

The fee for this extension is estimated to be \$110.00. Please charge the required fee to Pennie & Edmonds LLP Deposit Account No. 16-1150. A copy of this sheet is enclosed.

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